

# THE WHOLE TRUTH

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<sup>1</sup>"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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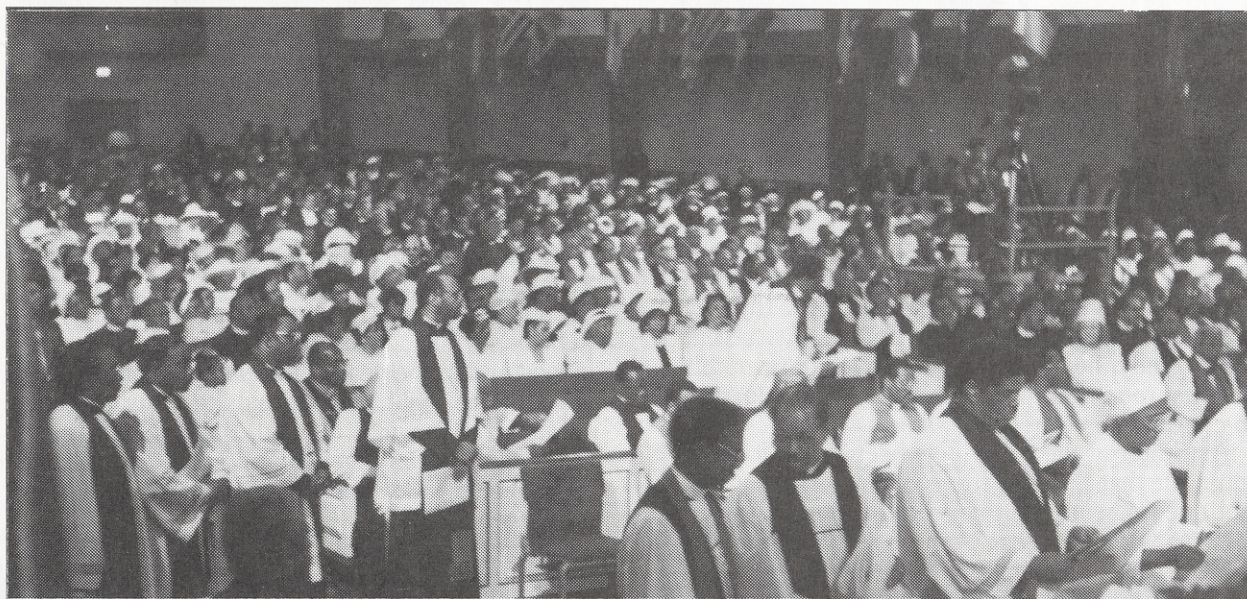
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## Quadrennial Inaugural—High and Holy

All the pomp and high splendor of an inaugural activity were evident this past April 3, 1989. The service of inauguration and installation was conducted at Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church Of God In Christ. There assembled were all the duly elected and appointed officials of the Church, to receive a proper installation and empowerment for the next four years. All were there except one: Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., presiding officer of the entire church. This would have been his sixth installation since his first election in 1968.

Bishop Patterson was hospitalized and eventually underwent surgery. By the help of the Lord, prayers of the saints and skill of the doctors, the surgery was successfully done. Subsequent to the surgery, the Bishop is resting and improving daily.

Being installed to the General Board were Bishop Louis Henry Ford, six term, Bishop Chandler David Owens, fourth term, Bishop John Dale Husband, sixth term, Bishop Cleveland Landis Anderson, Jr., fifth term, Bishop Ozro Thurston Jones, Jr., third term, Bishop James Neaul Haynes, second term, Bishop Phillip Aquilla Brooks, II, second term, Bishop Samuel Lee Green, Jr. second term, Bishop Charles Edward Blake, first term, Bishop Levi Edward Willis, Sr., first term, and Bishop Roy Lawrence Hailey Winbush, first term. Among the general officers, the following people were installed: Bishop German Reed Ross was installed as General Secretary for a fifth term, while Bishop



Saint Clair Yauncey Burnett was installed as Financial Secretary for a fifth term, and Bishop Theodore Roosevelt Davis was installed as General Treasurer for a fourth term.

The following persons were installed to the Board of Trustees, Elder Cornelius Ellis Anderson, Mother Victoria Turner Barnes, Elder Marcus Lee Butler, Elder William Theophilus Cahoon, Mother St. Carrie Lee Dinwiddle, Elder Dwight Lavon

Green, Elder Thomas Eugene Hammond, Elder Cornelius J. Jones, Bishop Roger Lee Jones, (Chairman), Deacon Walter Benjamin Jones, Bishop Elton Allen Lawrence, Mrs. Mildred L. Linzy, Bishop Samuel Leon Lowe, Bishop Elijah Miller, Bishop Tanner Clarence Perry, Elder Charles Samuel Tucker, Elder Dwight Eugene Walls, and Bishop Nathaniel Wyoming Wells.

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Dr. Frank Ellis

The April Call Meeting conducted its usual business but featured an election to fill the chairmanship vacated by Bishop Levi Willis. Bishop Willis, a newly elected General Board member served the General Assembly with distinction. Seeking to fill his shoes were two viable and worthy candidates, Dr. Frank Ellis of Baltimore, Maryland and Dr. Samuel Nesbitt of Jacksonville, Florida. Both gentlemen offered legitimate credentials to the voting delegation. Both men pastor a church, have education and a record of long and distinguished service in the Church.

The assembly received only these two nominations and proceeded to vote. All about Mason Temple were voting stations ready to be used by the delegates. Before the vote could be taken a brief but meaningful debate started. The Election Commission promised a smooth and free-flowing process. Many of the saints remembered the hardship of the last quadrennial election and did not desire to repeat that experience. Dr. Charles Jackson and the

## Ellis Wins Chair

commission convinced the delegates no such frustration would materialize. All and all the commission's assessment of the situation was correct. Just about everything went well.

Both candidates made excellent statements to encourage the vote in his own favor. Their were no significant outward demonstrations, nor the volume of political literature which usually accompanies such events. The candidates addressed only issues and respected one another's principles. With the speeches and brief debate out of the way, the polls opened.

It was just after 1:00 a.m. Wed., April 5, 1987 when the results were reported. The newly elected chairman emerged in the person of Dr. Frank Ellis. He defeated his worthy and noble opponent, Dr. Samuel Nesbitt 605 to 474 votes. There were 3 wasted votes bringing the total votes casted to 1082.

### The New Chairman Speaks

The following morning, newly elected chairman, Frank Ellis, started his tenure with a solid address. He commented the constitutional function of the General Assembly is to make laws. He stated all resolutions should come from the Assembly. He cautioned that everything the assembly does must and will express the doctrine of the Church Of God In Christ. He went on to say that the General Assembly reviews the budget, meaning it looks over the budget and all expenditures. Then he asked that all budgets henceforth be submitted the first day the General Assembly conducts business; thereby giving his budget review committee an opportunity to study the report.

Another issue he covered was the exclusive right of the General Assembly to make and approve financial assessments. He concluded the Assembly is the final determiner about the budget. He declared the right of the Assembly to set the assess

ment figures for the women's department. He pressed for the right to review all work done by those whom the Assembly created. He reiterated the equality of the Assembly with the executive branch, then affirmed that all persons are delegates with equal station in the General Assembly.

The chairman alluded to the time he met Bishop C. H. Mason and how that event affected his life's course. In a conversation with the diminutive founder of this massive Church, the chairman recounted the words of Dad Mason, "Son the Lord's got his hand on you", said Bishop Mason. This event was a significant happening, for those words changed the chairman's life. He further reflected his initial desire in the General Assembly was to merely sit. After an assembly he returned home to teach at Howard University and was approached by a student who questioned him. The young man had little to express that was favorable, as he likewise observed that same General Assembly session. The chairman made a vow to get involved on a larger scale. Since that time his commitment has been to God and the organization as they relate to effective government.

Finally, the chairman called for the establishment of a judiciary board. He touched on this constitutionally necessary branch of government and labeled it a priority. For anyone who desires to function on any boards, committees, any functionaries of the General Assembly, the chairman welcomes all interested persons. Any communications pertinent to the Assembly's process should be sent to his newly appointed administrative assistant, Elder Joel Lyles.

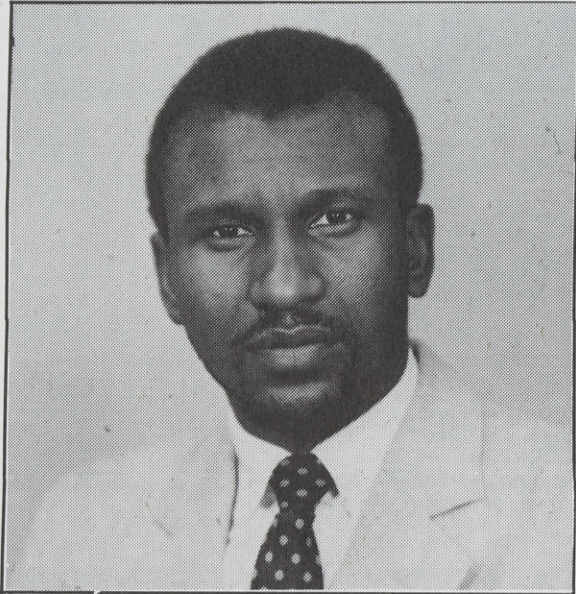
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# THE WHOLE TRUTH

## Editorial

By Dr. David Hall



Dr. David Hall

I'm sure that everyone of you is eager to hear from Bishop Patterson. This spot in *The Whole Truth* is reserved for his monthly comments to the saints. He appreciates your many prayers and heart felt wishes in behalf of his total and complete recovery during this season of serious illness. As he always states, "my prayer for the saints is that you will "... prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth", and this is yet upon his lips. At a recent bible study he personally conducted from his hospital room, bishop commented he is preparing to continue his work with all zest.

As Editor of the paper, I've been asked to communicate that Bishop Patterson's surgery went well but due to the nature of his illness there is a need for much prayer. Even now he is recuperating at a normal pace and should be home by the time you read this editorial. Please know that bishop will communicate with you readers in his regular letter as soon as possible, if only to thank each of you for the many kind telephone calls, cards and continued prayers.

The Church Of God In Christ has finished another chapter in its glorious history and organizational development. The saints gathered to assess the fiscal health, considerable human talents and promote the proper expenditure of our institution's resources for ministries. During that same time we conducted the inauguration and installation service for the duly elected officials of the organization. Make no mistake, these significant events of the quadrennial cycle demonstrated the continuity and stability of the Church's rule and order. Keep in mind that all of this happened without Presiding Bishop Patterson, Sr. in attendance. He was hospitalized awaiting surgery.

For some it seemed strange, an ineffable expression of wonder and too different for consideration. There was no Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. leading the General Board. However, before the entire world our "Church Ship of State" functioned without a negative incident. Unlike the recent disaster caused by the oil tanker which ran aground in Alaska, our Church remained afloat in spite of our leader being absent. Unlike the oil tanker, our Church is

not wrecked, nor is there any damage to our organizational climate or the industry of winning souls; our main business. In contrast, our Church organization has run well under the confident hand of provisional leadership. To the surprise of no one our April Call Meeting was an unqualified success.

Credit must be given to the General Bishop of Bishops, the Board of Bishops and the many saints in general for tending to the business of the organization. As a result each of us can participate more effectively in the business of Christ's Church. This is important because forces exist which seek to deny our Church its rightful place among the ranks of true denominations. In spite of our Church's well developed ecclesiastical structure, size of membership, expanded missions in 44 foreign countries, etc; they yet question our organizational merit. We have not and shall never be a cult but exist as a truly Christ centered Church. We are thoroughly Pentecostal and support our theology directly through the biblical text.

What does this mean? Our Church is progressing in every area and each member can be happy for this constant development. More importantly, while our presiding officer is recuperating from his surgery and being attended by your fervent prayer, everyone can continue busy in his/her proper calling. During the April Meeting our General Board displayed such discipline and "esprit de corps" that we all witnessed first hand what collegiality and fellowship mean. Our Church has urgent business ahead and in the year when each person is pledged not to be silent but to reveal the many blessings of God to this world in need, Bishop Patterson is calling for ever stronger commitment to the pledge. What better time than now to become more serious and intent.

During this season of prayer and increased evangelism, let every soul be committed to the Church's program and actively follow Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr.'s motto, "I Won't Be Silent Anymore!"

A Prayerful Call  
Dr. David Hall

## Quadrennial Inaugural

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Four new bishops were consecrated during the installation. The College of Bishops received Bishops Wilford Allen Alexander, St. Clair Yauncey Burnett, Sr., John Thomas Dupree, and E. Allen Lawrence. Their biographical data are presented inside this current issue.

Dr. Leonard Lovett, Ph.D was the Quadrennial Preacher. His message "With Sealed Orders" was a profound and challenging statement. In the tradition of Dr. Holmes, Dr. Clemmons, Dr. Haney and Dr. McKinney, he preached, pointing the Church toward the future, and in faithfulness to the ministry. Lovett was the Man of the Hour.

The entire evening was a spectacular demonstration of organizational character. The holy and high service was appropriate for the event. Dr. J. DeLano Ellis, II, Chief Adjutant and staff must be commended for their effort. It was indeed memorable.

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Scholarships totaling more than \$5,000 will be awarded to the finalists. Detailed Competition rules may be obtained by completing the registration form below and mailing to the coordinator. The topics for the 1989 competition will be as follows:

1. What should the church's role be in aiding the problem of youth gangs and drugs?
2. What element should be considered in choosing your life's vocation.
3. What is your opinion about the role of women in the ministry?

### National Youth Talent Hour

Ms. LaBarbara Whitehead, National Coordinator

This provides an opportunity for interested young people (between the ages of 3-22) individually or as a group (including youth choirs), to present their amateur talent before an audience. The talent can be either vocal, instrumental or dramatic interpretation. Special recognition awards are presented daily in each performance type category according to the age of the participants. Additional information may be obtained from the coordinator.

### National Mathematics and Computer Workshop

Mrs. Vera Martin, National Coordinator

This workshop provides training in basic Math, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Computer usage. It emphasizes the mathematical concepts (numbers, time and space) and how everyday life constantly demands a reasonable knowledge concerning these subjects. In addition to the training, there is an opportunity for students to compete, by way of examination, for mathematics awards. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the coordinator.

### National Bible Bowl Competition

Mrs. Helen Givens

Each Jurisdiction is asked to provide one team with members between the ages of 15-25 with a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8. All team members must have reached the required ages by the date of its team Competition. The Competition will be from the three areas stated below. Contact the coordinator to obtain the detailed competition rules and guidelines.

### Study Guideline

1. The book of Romans
2. Church History (from old YPWW topic, Winter Quarter, Dec. 1986 to Feb. 1987).
3. Church Doctrine (from old YPWW topic, Spring Quarter, Mar. 1987 to May 1987).

### COGIC Debutante Workshop

Dorothy Knight, National Coordinator

This workshop has been designed for all young single females ages 16-22 to receive special training and tutoring in the feminine graces and charms. This workshop is specifically tailored to the Christian young lady and is done in conjunction with the MISS UNAC Pageant. Complete the registration form below and contact the coordinator for further information.

### Scholastic Motivation Ministries REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your registration form to the specific Scholastic Motivation Ministry in which you desire to participate.

Choose One and Mail:

☐ UNAC-5 **Oratorical Competition**  
c/o Mrs. Vanessa Gatlin  
229 Diamond Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501

☐ UNAC-5 **Youth Talent Hour**  
c/o Miss LeBarbara Whitehead  
67 Tennyson St., Highland Park, MI 48203

☐ UNAC-5 **Mathematics & Computer Workshop**  
c/o Mrs. Vera Martin  
410 41st Street, Oakland, CA 94609

☐ UNAC-5 **Bible Bowl Competition**  
c/o Mrs. Helen Givens  
28112 Rosewood, Inkster, MI 48141

☐ UNAC-5 **COGIC Debutante Workshop**  
c/o Mrs. Dorothy Knight  
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## Elder's National Chairman Honored



Chairman and Mrs. Knight escorted to dinner.

Superintendent Franklyn E. Knight, Chairman of the General Pastors and Elders Council was honored at the Cook Convention Center, Memphis, Tennessee. The celebration dinner featured a number of distinguished church leaders who came to support and encourage the chairman with his forthcoming agenda.

Superintendent Knight was blessed to have both family and friends present at the dinner. Everyone praised the chairman's accomplishment and reminisced about his years of effort. Among the speakers was Elder John A. Knight, the father of Superintendent Knight. He spoke of a good son that grew into an excellent man. Jurisdictional Supervisor, Barbara McCoo Lewis, referred to the chairman as a "Man of tenacity, humility and vision." Several officers and committee members of the council heaped more praise upon the honoree.

Bishop J. O. Patterson was the scheduled speaker for that day, but due to his hospitalization, Bishop Charles Blake, the honoree's prelate, adequately filled in. Bishop Blake stated that Elder Knight was a giant at home and indispensable in the national church. He discussed a man of creative abilities,

deserving of the same help and support he offered over the years.

In the crowd were several members of the General Board of Bishops. Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr., Bishop P. A. Brooks, Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush, Bishop L. E. Willis, and Bishop S. L. Green all demonstrated eager and visible support for the new chairman. Chairman Emeritus, Dr. A. D. Baxter, and the newly appointed chairman of UNAC, Bishop F. E. Perry, were numbered among the crowd.

In an exclusive interview with *The Whole Truth*, Chairman Knight reflected over his agenda. Firstly, as many elders who are qualified should be involved in key positions. Appointment of commissioners to establish direction in areas of education, training, finance, church extension, ordination, etc. have been made to enhance the quality of ministry.

The chairman lamented the fact that our presiding bishop could not attend the celebration. He was grateful for Bishop Blake's address. Chairman Knight called for unity within the ranks of the elders and pastors behind their duly elected leaders. He announced a series of regional meetings this year. On May 8 and 9, elders will meet in Washington, D.C. and May 10 and 11 a meeting will be conducted in Houston, Texas. The chairman expressed a desire to have a functioning branch of the Pastors and Elders Council in every jurisdiction. He stated close cooperation with the Board of Bishops is the place to start. In his words, "proper communication in advance will assure smooth sailing ahead."

Certainly, the big event for Chairman Knight will be the Annual Pastors and Elders Conference. It will be conducted in Chicago September 12, 13, and 14, 1989. The theme is, "The Dynamics of Effective Communications For Growth." Topics concerning church financing, church leadership in the 90's, etc. will be presented. He said 500 to 1,000 delegates are expected.

## National Spelling Bee Competition

Mrs. Dorothy A. Brown, National Coordinator

### Guidelines for the UNAC-5 National Spelling Bee

1. The preliminary activities for the UNAC-5 National Spelling Competition will be held on two levels.

- Level 1 - for students in grades 4 - 8
- Level 2 - for students in grades 9 - 12

Check the UNAC-5 program booklet for designate times and places for each level's preliminary activities held Tuesday, July 5; Wednesday, July 6, Thursday, July 7 at the UNAC-5 Convention during the training sessions.

2. The final Spelling Competition to determine the first, second and third place winners for Level 1 and Level 2 will be held on Friday, July 8. In order to participate in the final Spelling Competition the student must participate in each day's preliminary activities.

3. Any student in grades 4 - 8 may enter the preliminary spelling competition activities designed for Level Two students for both levels are asked to pre-register using the entry form below.

4. Words used in the UNAC-5 National Spelling Competition shall be selected from list shown at the appropriate level.

5. The word pronouncer shall select the definition or definitions that he or she gives.

6. In competition, after the pronouncer gives the contestant a word, the contestant may also pronounce the word before spelling it, after spelling it or, if he or she so chooses, not at all.

7. The contestant may ask the pronouncer to repronounce the word, define it, or use it in a sentence. The contestant may ask for the language origin of a word. No other information about the etymology or history of a word will be given. If the contestant has a specific root word in mind, the contestant may ask if the dictionary lists that word as the root of the word to be spelled.

8. Having started to spell a word, a contestant may stop and start over, retracting the spelling from the beginning, but in the retracting there can be no change of letters and their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters and their sequences are changed in respelling, the speller will be eliminated.

9. Upon missing the spelling of a word, the contestant immediately drops out of the contest. The next word on the pronouncer's list is given to the next contestant.

10. When the contestants are reduced to two, the

elimination procedure changes. At that point, when one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list. Then the second contestant shall be declared the champion.

11. If one of the last two spellers misses, and the other, after correcting the error misspells the new word submitted to him or her, then the misspelled new word shall be referred to the first speller. If the first speller then succeeds in correcting the error and correctly spells the next word on the pronouncer's list, then he or she shall be declared champion.

12. If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the contest, and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell. The contest shall then continue under Rule 9 and 10.

13. If more than one spelling is listed in the dictionary for a word, any of these spellings will be accepted as correct if the word appears in bold face type and if either matches the pronunciation and definition provided by the pronouncer, or if it is clearly identified as being a variant of the word that the contestant has been asked to spell.

14. Any contestant having once won a UNAC-5 National Spelling Bee Championship is ineligible for future competition in the National Spelling Bee.

### Practice Spelling Words

#### (GRADES 4-8th)

##### LEVEL I

strength	committed
united	cruel
amendment	formality
bracelet	graze
diameter	justify
jury	ancestral
physical	brevity
merry	economy
ought	ordinarily
practice	illegal
rough	jeopardy
southern	tourist
system	virtuous
uncertain	representative
weight	precious
assistant	height
breath	average
chapter	department
continue	eclipse
difficult	disguise
excellent	liberty
figure	magazine
hire	nylon
liquid	pickles

#### (GRADES 9-12th)

##### LEVEL II

ponderance	stannous
portraiture	stanzic
possessor	starrer
posset	startle
posttension	starveling
poultry	stellar
praline	stethoscope
preaudit	stigmata
predestine	stratagem
preferential	sturgeon
preposterous	stylebook
prescience	suable
pression	suasible
prevenience	subbasement
primero	subjectable
priory	successor
procathedral	succotash
prodigy	suffocate
prolific	suggestible
propaganda	sumpter
prorate	superfluous
protervity	supposition
protractor	surrey
psalmist	swather

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## The New Miss UNAC Pageant

Ms. Cigale Ingram, National Coordinator

The New Miss UNAC-5 Pageant is designed to provide the young ladies of the church with a sense of self-awareness and appreciation as well as reinforce the role and responsibility of women in the church as related to the scriptures in life skills and encourage maturity, spirituality and morality.

### ELIGIBILITY

1. Single female between ages 16 to 22.
2. Letter of recommendation from State Supervisor, Church Mother, Youth Leader or Pastor.
3. Be sponsored financially by a jurisdiction, parents, self or by one of the five auxiliaries: (locally, statewide, or nationally), Music, Missions, Sunday School, Evangelist, Youth.
4. Pay an entry fee of \$250.00. (Additional funds raised over and above the entry fee will be considered as a part of the winner selection process). Entry fee will not be paid with the application.
5. Demonstrate a talent representative of a Christian young lady.

### RULES & PROCEDURES

1. Pre-register by June 30 with application.
2. Submit application form with a letter of recommendation and a brief biography of yourself.
3. Come to the UNAC-5 Convention with the appropriate attire for the UNAC-5 Annual Banquet. (White Evening Gown, etc.)
4. Mail the application below to:

Miss UNAC Pageant  
c/o Ms. Cigale Ingram  
2000 James Drive, Apt. 504  
Ruston, Louisiana 71270  
Telephone (318) 251-3473

### MISS UNAC-5 PAGEANT APPLICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Letter of Recommendation from: \_\_\_\_\_  
(attach letter to application form)

Auxiliary Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee: \$250 (certified check or money order) payable to UNAC-5.

Talent \_\_\_\_\_ Time Duration \_\_\_\_\_

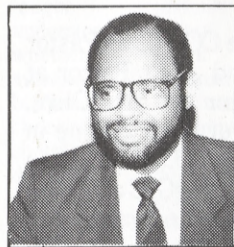
The Pageant will take place on Friday during the Banquet in the Grand Ball Room.

I agree to attend classes in UNAC that are provided for the pageant which are calculated in the point system.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Write an exciting paragraph about yourself providing place of birth, favorite color, interests, hobbies, aspirations and what motivates you.

## UNAC — 5 1989 Scholastic Motivation Ministries



Elder O. T. Massey  
Asst. Exec. Dir.

The Scholastic Motivation Ministries of UNAC-5 seeks to enhance the scholastic, academic, and social development of young people. Traditionally the ministries have offered workshops and competitions during sessions I and II from Tuesday through Friday. The winners are announced at the Annual UNAC-5 Banquet on Friday evening. This year the following sessions will be offered.

### National Oratorical Competition

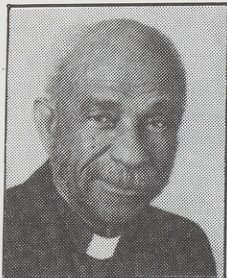
Mrs. Vanessa Gatlin, National Coordinator

This Competition gives young people between the ages of 16-22 who are either already attending college or recently accepted in a college or university, the opportunity to competitively utilize their basic communication skills in persuasive speaking. It is designed to stimulate, expand interest in communications, and promote greater self-expression.

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## THE NEW BISHOPS

### Bishop Wilford Allen Alexander



Bishop W. A. Alexander was born on May 5, 1914 in Jacksonville, Texas. He is the eleventh child of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Alexander. His family later moved to Hillsboro, Texas and that's where he completed his education at the Peabody High School.

In 1935 he met Miss Bernice Tate of Hillsboro, Texas and was united in holy matrimony on January 10, 1936.

Bishop Alexander committed his life to the Lord in 1928 and was called into the ministry in 1929 under the leadership of Bishop E. M. Page. Later he became the pastor of one of the largest Church Of God In Christ churches in San Angelo, Texas. While there he served as a District Superintendent in the Northwest Texas Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under his brother Bishop J. E. Alexander.

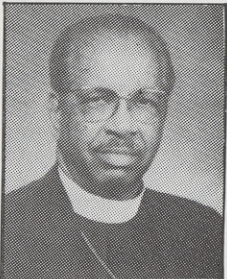
In May, 1964, he was called to pastor Gospel Light Church Of God In Christ church in Santa Ana, California, where he is presently serving. God has certainly blessed his ministry in Santa Ana. Many improvements and accomplishments have come to pass as a result of Bishop Alexander's administration. Additionally, adjacent property has been purchased for further church expansion.

He is involved in his community. He has been President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, an active member of the NAACP and also involved in giving assistance to the needy programs in the communities.

A diligent and loyal worker in the jurisdiction, he serves as an Administrative Assistant to Bishop Charles E. Blake, member of the Executive Board, Superintendent of the Santa Ana District, and State Expediter all in Southern California First Jurisdiction, Bishop Charles Blake, Prelate.

The Lord has blessed Bishop and Mrs. Alexander to celebrate their fifty third (53rd) wedding anniversary on January 10, 1989, and he will celebrate his sixtieth year in the ministry April, 1989.

### Bishop St. Clair Y. Burnett, Sr.



Bishop St. Clair Y. Burnett, Sr., a native son of West Virginia, was born to the late Rev. Samuel L. and Mrs. Mary Blecher Burnett more than six decades ago. The will of the Lord lead the family to migrate to Philadelphia where young St. Clair entered school, that ultimately many years later culminated with him being conferred with the degree, Doctor of Sacred Theology from the New York Divinity School of Sacred Theology.

Bishop Burnett accepted Christ as a child, in the United Holy Church of America, where on his knees, he waited on God and received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. He recognized his calling early and one Sunday morning in 1933, at Sunrise service, preached his first sermon.

In the year of 1940, Bishop Burnett became acquainted with the Church Of God In Christ and in 1941, he was received into membership at Holy Temple COGIC by the late Bishop O. T. Jones, Sr. In recognition of faithfulness and devotion, plus meeting the Biblical qualifications, he was ordained in 1945 while yet in the Naval service of his country.

Bishop Burnett has served the COGIC as Pastor at Claysburg, PA; Jr. Pastor and Ass't Pastor at Faith Temple, Brooklyn; Pastor at Mt. Olive, Brooklyn; Founder and Pastor of Gethsemane in Brooklyn; Ass't to the late Bishop F. D. Washington in Des Moines, Iowa; Pastor of 1st COGIC at Staten Island, where he liquidated two mortgages and modernized the church edifice; District Sup't 16 years; personal Secretary to the late Bishop O. M. Kelly for 19 years; State Executive Secretary for 17 years; plus a number of other positions.

Bishop Burnett was founder of Staten Island's first black Clergy Association; member of the S. I. Association of Evangelicals; member of S. I. chapter of NAACP; charter member of the M. L. King, Jr. Heritage House; Secretary of National Board of (Trustees) Directors; member of Board of Directors, C. H. Mason Foundation.

Bishop Burnett was elected Financial Secretary in 1972, and he now serves his fifth term. Bishop Burnett, married the charming and fashionable Pauline Gilbert in 1943. She supports and aids him with his endless ministries and responsibilities. Due

to doctors' order, they migrated to Florida in late 1978. Without a church or a member, they founded the Temple of Prayer COGIC and purchased church property valued at over \$260,000.00. Bishop Burnett is listed in the Personalities of America, '87 edition; and was one of several Black Ministers invited to the White House to meet with President Reagan.

Bishop and Mrs. Burnett are the proud parents of Rocita S. Butts, a school teacher and Family Consultant; and St. Clair, Jr., a commercial artist and musician. Rocita actively assists her husband, Charles, a funeral director. There are four (4) grandchildren, Kecia P.; Sancha K.; Anthony and Wellington.

### Bishop John Thomas Dupree



Bishop John Thomas Dupree was born May 28, 1918 in Dodge County, Georgia. He is one of thirteen children.

Bishop Dupree was saved at an early age. He came to Fort Wayne, Indiana in the year of 1934 and joined the Hayden Street Church Of God In Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop John H. Boone. Bishop Dupree was called to the ministry in the year 1935.

He was inducted in the U.S. Army on August 21, 1941 and served four years and six months as Assistant Chaplain of the 13th Air Force. Bishop Dupree was discharged in November 1945. After discharge, he returned to the Hayden Street Church as Assistant pastor to Bishop Boone.

Bishop Dupree was married to the late Mrs. Stella Lee Watkins Dupree. They were the parents of two daughters, Lydia Ann Spencer and Ebony Dupree, and three grandchildren.

Bishop Dupree worked for the U.S. Post Office for 18 years serving as Supervisor for six years before leaving the Post Office to devote his full time to the pastorate.

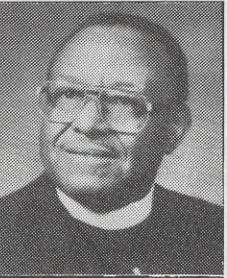
He was appointed Superintendent of the District Sunday School Department of District #3 in 1949 by State Superintendent J. A. Owens. He was appointed Pastor of the Hayden Street Church Of God In Christ in August 1955 by the late Bishop C. E. Bennett.

He was later appointed Superintendent of Churches by Bishop Bennett. Bishop Dupree worked faithfully with Bishop Bennett as state officials for more than 37 years and the past fifteen years served as Administrative Assistant to Bishop W. O. Blakely.

He attended the Central Baptist Theological Seminary School of Indianapolis Extension, located in Fort Wayne, Indiana for six years and holds a degree from the seminary in Christian Theology.

In 1988, the Hayden Street Church of God in Christ was replaced by a \$600,000 edifice renamed Dupree Temple.

### Bishop E. Allen Lawrence, D.D.



Bishop E. Allen Lawrence, D.D., an anointed and gifted leader was born February 21, 1917 in Grand Junction, Tennessee. He was the fourth of seven children born to Ephraim and Daisy Lawrence. On December 26, 1937, he found companionship and a helpmate when he

married Myrtle Flournoy, who has supported him in his many endeavors. Bishop Lawrence is also a family man, he and his wife have educated two children; Dr. Welton L. Lawrence (Ed.D) of Anchorage, Alaska (married to Joyce Gordy), and Mrs. Mae Blake of Los Angeles, California (married to Bishop Charles E. Blake, Presiding Prelate of Southern California Number One, and General Board Member of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.) Bishop Lawrence's family has also been blessed with seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In February, 1947 at the age of 30, Bishop Lawrence was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at the Greater Love Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ, Detroit, Michigan, under the leadership of the Late Bishop William Rimson. A year later he received the Divine Anointing to preach the Gospel, and in 1949, he was issued a Ministerial License. The following year he was ordained by the

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### Inauguration Celebration



Bishop Patterson and Governor McWherter

Bishop James Oglethorpe Patterson, Jr. was gloriously honored by clergy and friends from every walk of life. The newly installed prelate of Headquarters Jurisdiction was honored April 6, 1989 at the Memphis Marriott Hotel.

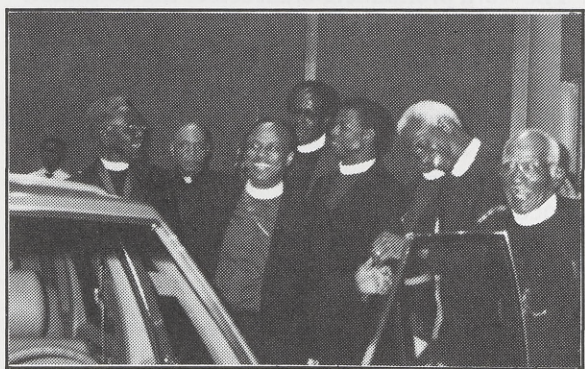
The beautiful dining hall was packed with adoring individuals who appreciated and recognized the bishop's service to God and fellowmen. The bishop was lauded for his contributions as a practicing attorney, political official, holding office on local and state levels; furthermore, his contribution to ministry were lifted up. The celebrants included Governor Ned McWherter, Lt. Governor John Wilder, Sheriff Jack Owens and numerous state representatives. The Toast Master, who ushered all this significant humanity around, was none other than the Second Assistant Presiding Bishop, C. D. Owens, who's color and dynamic wit made the evening delightful.

The Presiding Bishop Patterson, the honoree's father, was supposed to address the overflow gathering. Unfortunately, he was hospitalized. Bishop L. H. Ford, First Assistant Presiding filled in the void. His address was stirring and powerful. This evening was a gala affair because everyone from the steering committee to the substitute speaker worked hard to demonstrate their best.

After the dynamic address, Mrs. Rose Kelly Patterson, wife of the bishop, made beautiful remarks. Her hair and dress were stunning, and she stood wonderfully adorned before the waiting throng. Her words were filled with love and thanks for both her husband and the people in attendance. Finally, the bishop himself stood and spoke to the crowd. His words reflected the deep appreciation he holds for all the saints and friends. He thanked the people who rendered music for the evening. The Jacksons and Mrs. Dorcas Perkins-Haig filled the air with euphonic messages of hope. He thanked the many committee members and especially Evangelist Francis Kelly who worked in spite of personal afflictions.

Still, the bishop's thoughts were upon his father and he asked the saints to continue their prayers for his speedy and whole recovery.

### Winbush Celebrates At Country Dinner



There are inaugural celebrations and then there are inaugural celebrations. Way down in the country of Louisiana where the bayous are plenteous, the First Jurisdiction celebrated the election of Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush to the General Board. It has always been said that folks in the country know how to have a good time. They do more than watch railway cars ramble along in a distant sunset.

Such was the occasion this past March when the saints gathered in Bossier City, Louisiana to celebrate. The Bossier City Civil Center played host

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## A Healing Testimony

(Reprinted To The Glory of God)



Versie Garrett

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalms 27.1

Greetings to the SAINTS of GOD everywhere. I thank God through Jesus Christ for what He is to me. I thank the Lord for sanctifying me and baptizing me with the

Precious Holy Ghost and fire; and a mind to walk upright before my unseen God. I know the Lord to be a healer.

In the year of 1945, I had the T. B. and through the teachings of Sister Florence Rosbon, the Lord saved me. I had an operation. The doctor removed seven (7) ribs from my right side. After my operation, the doctor told me, you can go home, but don't do any work. I had an X RAY made every six (6) weeks. I weighed one hundred six (106) pounds; so I went to work and in two (2) months I broke down and returned to the T. B. Hospital for the second (2nd) time just as the doctor said. The doctor said they had to go back in that side again after the left side healed up. I told the Lord I didn't want the doctor to operate on me again and I wanted Him to "heal" my body. I wanted the Lord to heal me and I asked Him to. I said to the Lord, Lord, I have heard about your being a healer and have seen some you healed; but He had never done that work for me.

In 1949, when the National Holy Convocation was in session here in Memphis, Tennessee at Mason Temple, I was lying in my bed with my radio on, listening to the broadcast and Bishop J. O. Patterson narrating. He said, to the people in radioland, if you are near your radio, just lay your hands on the radio, Bishop Mason is here to offer prayer for the sick. I laid my left hand on the radio and my right hand on my left side, which had been hurting me for three (3) months. When Bishop Mason began to pray, he said, "WOMAN, THE LORD, HEAL YOU." THE POWER OF GOD CAME INTO MY RIGHT HAND AND I COULDN'T CONTROL

IT. PRAISE the LORD. I knew it was the Lord working with me; but *THE DEVIL* tried to keep me from claiming my healing. Just about that time, Bishop Mason said, "SATAN, THE LORD, REBUKE YOU, COME OUT OF THE MIND, YOU TORMENTOR. WOMAN! GET UP OUT OF THAT BED!" THE LORD QUICKENED ME OUT OF BED AND HEALED MY BODY INSTANTLY THAT NIGHT.

**HALLELUJAH. THANK YOU JESUS!**

I was discharged by the doctor and nurse that next morning without an X-RAY. I was at home three (3) months before the doctor said for me to have a check-up. So, as the Scripture has said, "obey them that have ruler over you, according to the flesh." I went and had an X-RAY made. It came right back and said, your chest X-RAY shows to be satisfactory. GLORY! THANK GOD! The doctor only exempts T.B. Patients for three (3) years. Since that time, I have been working over a year on a public job, nine (9) and ten (10) hours a day; lifting IRON like a man. It has been six (6) years since the Lord healed me.

Since that time, the Lord has healed me of cancer, healed my eyes that I don't have to wear eyeglasses and many other afflictions.

THANK GOD! He has doubled my time according to the prediction of the doctors.

**SAINTS AND FRIENDS: LOOK TO THE LORD FOR YOUR HELP AND STRENGTH.** I know Him to be all of this to me. SAINTS: "LET US EARNESTLY CONTENT FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED UNTO US!"

Bishop Mason is my pastor; Mother Martha Stinson is my Church Mother.

**FOR ME THAT I WILL FOREVER STAY IN THE WILL OF THE LORD!**

Yours in Christ,

Sister Versie Lee Garrett  
25 Belz Boulevard, #14  
Memphis, TN 38109

## Black History Month Celebration

Lynda Hemphill

In keeping with the 1989 National Black History Month Theme "The Role of the African-American Church in Economic, Political and Social Development at Home and Abroad", Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, Pastor of the Saints Church of God in Christ, Dallas, Texas paid tribute to past and present history makers throughout the month by holding special programs and by setting up a Black Achievers Hall of Fame Gallery at the Church. He also spoke with students at one of the local elementary schools encouraging them to be proud of their own contributions and heritage.

During one of the Sunday morning services, the congregation sang the National Black Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" written by James Weldon Johnson, while Tenequa Gabriel and Victor Evans played the chorus through on the flute and saxophone. Bishop Haynes reiterated that the role of the church today was that of leadership in social planning and moral values.

Certainly, great leaders were being recognized for their contributions, and our congregation applauded Bishop and Sister Vivian Haynes for their outstanding church, community and civic contributions.

The Hall of Fame Gallery highlighted the achievements of important figures in religion, which included Bishop Mason and Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., education, military, politics, inventors, medicine, space exploration, institutions, organizations, sports, law, arts and early kings and queens, etc. were all on display.

The Fine Arts Department, under the leadership of Sister Linda Searight presented a program entitled "A Celebration of Black Culture." The program featured the renowned Dr. Vernard Johnson, the J. Neaul Haynes Chorale Singers, the Dallas Independent School District Choir, The Ann Taylor Art Gallery, Gladys Johnson, The First Black Woman Dental Oral Surgeon, A Local Actress and Choreographer.

Carter G. Woodson, "The Father of Black History," said "that while we have had a long and illustrious history, a tradition which cannot be observed properly within the confines of a month; we must celebrate it for a lifetime."

## Indiana First Leadership

The Leadership Conference of First Jurisdiction of Indiana was recently held at Saints Memorial COGIC in Terre Haute, Indiana, Host Pastor, Elder Mark Blade. The entire conference was extremely successful. The classes were very informative; there were classes for leaders, laity, Purity and the Sunshine Band. Some of the class topics were Servitude, Dress and Protocol and Doctrine.

All of the conference participants received a surprise. The host church provided a free, tasty, and ample meal. May God shower blessings on their storehouses.

After the classes the consecrational service began. It was an occasion that brought a bit of Memphis to Indiana. The processional for the service was very impressive and formal with surplices in abundance worn by all state workers and Women Department workers. The first lady, Mother Ruth Hall wore the official COGIC white missionary habit. The vestments of the Executive Board included white surplices with a lattice border hemline and red shirts permitted by our former Bishop Blakely with continued permission on formal occasion by our current Bishop Milton L. Hall. Bishop Hall and his adjutant, Elder Rollie Gullie of Gary wore the consecrational robes as ordained by the honorable Bishop J. O. Patterson.

The State choir under the leadership of Elder Curtis Daniels did an outstanding job giving renditions appropriate to the occasions.

The conference was blessed to have Bishop Dixon Coatie of Muncie, a church pioneer deliver the sermon. Bishop Coatie proved that at 86, God can keep you active, humorous, and strong. God blessed him to impart a wealth of Christian instruction to us.

The communion and consecration followed. All superintendents and state leaders were consecrated and installed. Afterwards our State Supervisor Beulah Hatchett and all District Missionaries were installed. A symbolic yoke was placed on each board member, state worker, and Women's Department worker as a reminder of their commitment to serve God and us. Communion was served to everyone.

It was a great Leadership Conference and a spiritual consecration service. The Lord was truly there in a great way. The saints received spiritual blessings and are really enthused to work for God as never before.

March 5, 1989

Reporter: Missionary Charlotte Corbett

## Practice Spelling Words

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(GRADES 4-8th)		(GRADES 9-12th)	
LEVEL I		LEVEL II	
paragraph	compute	psyche	swill
replied	crease	ptosis	syllable
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celebration	alignment	purplish	dominant
diary	condense	putty	dynamic
fortunate	colonel	pyramid	emancipate
knowledge	distract	walkathon	equilibrium
precious	lethal	warlock	fallacy
laid	kernel	washin	gala
missile	skeleton	waybill	grotesque
period	visible	weasel	guerrilla
president	wrath	weighbridge	heritage
satellite	irate	weltarweight	humiliate
speech	jovial	whammy	hypocrite
taught	juvenile	wheeze	illegitimate
understood	lounge	whisk	intensity
whether	lyrics	witherward	legacy
astonish	masquerade	whump	magnitude
budget	matrimony	wiliness	mediocre
chocolate	maximum	willow	narcotic
contribute	miscellaneous	winddog	obituary
direction	multiple	winterfeed	phenomenal
exception	negative	wintriness	psychology
fountain	notorious	wizardry	ravish
idle	occupant	wizen	satire
manufacture	ointment	worrisome	spontaneous
particular	optical	socialite	tantalize
review	pantomime	soilure	transfusion
apologize	pedestrian	solder	ultimate
genuine	pharmacy	soleprint	unify
engineer	physics	solitaire	radical
parliament	plasma	sonable	proficient
illiterate	pneumonia	socerer	ratify
immobile	portrait	souvenir	recuperate
textile	propaganda	sozzle	reinstate
reprimand	prophet	spatterdock	renovate
requirement	quote	spectroscope	sphinx
invisible	rarity	spinet	splendent
economics	ratio	spoofer	sprightly
astronomy	readiness	squalid	squirrel
casual	recommendation	stalagmite	stalwart
emergency	registration	elevator	rehearsal
lucid	repetition	necessary	respectable
singular			

Evangelist Rosa L. Monroe  
BIBLE WAY C.O.G.I.C.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

## Inspirational Talk Where Are You?

God walked in the cool of the day and called to Adam—where art thou? Adam had hid himself because he was naked. If you're naked, then your sins are not under the blood and for you, the Cross of Jesus is of none effect.

The fact that God so loved the world that He gave His Son a ransom for many, means nothing to you. The fact that Jesus, who knew no sin, died for your sins, means nothing to you.

The fact that Jesus rose on the third day morning and became the firstfruits of them that slept, means nothing to you. John made it quite clear that men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

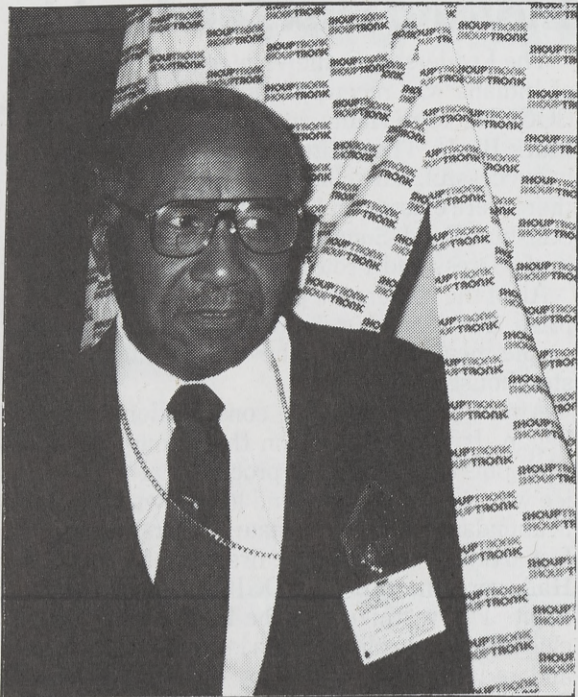
If you're a sinner, repent and seek the Lord while He may be found. Backsliders, come boldly to the throne of grace. It's not necessary to sneak in the back door or to climb in the window to get to the altar.

You see, we have an high priest, who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, for He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

If you're in a weakened condition, ask God for a revival of the soul. For the God of our fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, He will revive us again.

There is not sin, no trouble, no need and no tragedy so big that God can't handle it. Give it to God. You should be able to answer to the call of God—here am I.

Listen, I was a sinner, deep in sin, and this is what I did: I came to Jesus as I was, weary, wounded and sad, and I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.



Bishop Leroy Anderson casted his vote. For whom? He would never tell.



Bishops Gilkey, Quick, Thompson, Perry, Mrs. Annie Gatlin and Bishop Ross pose after the successful Win-bush inaugural dinner.



Bishops L. Thomas, T. Thomas, Dr. E. L. Battles and Bishop T. C. Perry line up to vote.



Bishop and Mrs. L. E. Willis enjoy a moment of laughter with Bishop Watson.

## Washington, D.C. Jurisdiction Church of God In Christ Celebrates 89 Years For Mother Elizabeth Hampton, Jurisdictional Supervisor

The occasion was one to be remembered. Decorations of pink and lavender seemed to echo through the lower auditorium of the Star of Bethlehem Church Of God In Christ. The honoree, Mother Elizabeth Hampton and her guests, were escorted in and seated at the head table. Included among the distinguished guests was Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was the special guest speaker for this grand occasion. Also in attendance were new appointees Bishop Warren G. Crudup, Sr., Jurisdictional Prelate, Elder Harvey Lewis, Sr., Administrative Assistant, and Elder Isaac Sams, District Superintendent.

As Mother Hampton entered the room, those in attendance stood with honor and respect for one of God's pioneering women in this grand old Church Of God In Christ. Not only is she 89 years young, but she remains very active in leading the women of the Washington, D.C. jurisdiction.

Mother Hampton was dressed in a beautiful lime green satin dress with matching hat. Her expressions of joy, happiness and great satisfaction accentuated the beauty of her attire.

The songs, tributes and tokens of love shall long be remembered by our dear Mother. Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr. was one of the highlights of the evening. He paralleled the works of several women from the bible with Mother Hampton. The thrust of the message was that women are on the move in the work of the Lord. Even as they were in the days of the old testament, in our present day and in the days to come. He said "On the day of Pentecost, God poured out his spirit upon all flesh. There was neither gender nor race." Acceptance can sometimes seem at the end of the tunnel, but because we are women, what seems to be at the end is just around the bend.

Mother Hampton and her women salute you, Bishop Jones, and the great message that was expounded by you.

Special thanks are extended to Elder Harvey Lewis, Sr., who opened the doors of the church and to his lovely wife Missionary Gloria Lewis, along with her committee members who coordinated this

great occasion.

Mother Hampton, may God continue to richly bless you for your sacrifice, dedication and devotion to this great church.

*State Women's Public Relations Dept.*

*Washington, D.C. Jurisdiction*

### "Precious Gemstones"

*By Carol A. M. Robinson*

By removing a rib from Adam's side, God fashioned a lovely work of art, and called it "Woman". He did not take her from man's head, else she'd rule over him, nor from his feet, else she'd be trampled upon by him. She was taken from his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected by him, and near his heart to be loved by him.

Man, through becoming a recipient of God's completed masterpiece, responds like a prestigious king, showing off his beautiful crown of "Precious Gemstones", cut and shaped by the Master's hands, for the king to have and behold the beauty thereof, and to cherish and protect until death do they part.

Have you noticed your crown losing its shine lately; maybe it's in dire need of polishing up or resetting of stones? If so, you need to become aware of the devil's devices, lest he will take an advantage of you. "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones" Pr. 12:4.

In the garden the devil tricked Eve, he used Delilah to cut Samson's hair, Jezebel stirred up her husband to work wickedness, Job's wife tried to persuade him to curse God, Athaliah destroyed the royal seed of Israel, Zeresh assisted in the revenge of Mordecai, and Maachah made an idol in the groves. By women being the weaker vessel, they become convenient targets for the devil's craftiness and tricks; causing her crown to become tarnished by evil works. "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" 2 Cor. 2:11.

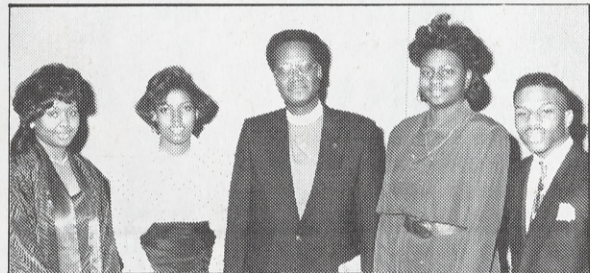
Women, we possess something that most in-the-bible women didn't have, the "Holy Ghost." By applying the Word of God, Prayer and Fasting, we can arm ourselves with three unconquerable weapons, enabling us to fight against all the devil's devices. For we are God's beautiful creations and man's prize possessions, we've been energized by the Holy Ghost, glowing in the beauty of holiness, strengthened by fervent prayer, loyal in love and admiration for our own husband, which is the perfect will of God. "For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life." Pr. 31:10-12.

## BROOKS — INAUGURAL Benefit Celebration Plus

The saints of the Northeast Michigan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction celebrated the re-election of Bishop Phillip A. Brooks to the General Board (Presidium) of the Church Of God In Christ. The occasion was splendid and was attended by the leading public figures of the Detroit area. The Honorable Coleman A. Young, Mayor of Detroit, the Honorable Erma Henderson, President - Detroit City Council, Mr. Wardell C. Croft, President - Chairman of Wright Mutual Insurance Company, and Mr. Edward A. McNamara, County Executive, were all invited guests.

Bishop Brooks is well known for his many progressive endeavors among the religious and civic-professional communities; along with the notable powerbrokers, the saints came from across the jurisdiction and many different areas of the country. They gathered to pay tribute to the bishop and his lovely wife, Missionary Doris Brooks.

As the evening began, the Mistress and Masters of Ceremony, Missionary Faithe Brooks, Elder Isaac Patrick and Elder Harold Jones kept the evening in perfect flow. Music for the gala event was provided by Phillip A. Brooks and Adoration, and the Evans Sisters. All renditions accentuated the activity with style, spirit and grace. Speaking of style, the saints were treated to the splendor of Bishop Chandler D. Owens, Second Assistant Presiding Bishop of the church. He is noted for his mellow baritone speaking voice and powerful delivery. He preached on the subject: "The Vessel That Was Made Of Clay Was Marred In The Hands Of The Potter." After he finished the message, it was acclaimed by one and all that God's word was truly delivered.



Scholarship Winners L to R: Jacqueline M. Franklin, Tracey Jones, Bishop P. A. Brooks, Latricia Monroe, and Charles Johnson, III.

The evening was enriched measurably when the scholarships were presented. The scholarships are sponsored by the jurisdiction and are annually awarded for excellence in oratory. The scholarship effort is also affiliated with the C. H. Mason Scholarship Foundation. The winners were Jacqueline M. Franklin, currently a Freshman at Mott Community College, pursuing a degree in Mortuary Science with a minor in Business Administration. Her goal in life is to own a funeral home establishment. Tracey Jones is currently a Junior and honor student at Henry Ford High School. She plans to attend Hampton Institute and pursue a career in Communications. Latricia Monroe is a Senior and honor student at Martin Luther King High School. She plans to attend Tennessee State University and major in Mathematics and minor in Biological Science. Finally, Charles Johnson III, the grandson of the Late Bishop C. J. Johnson, former prelate of Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction was awarded a scholarship. He is a Freshman at Oak and University and a called minister of the gospel. He plans to pursue a career in law. These excellent youth represent some of the best in COGIC.

## Special Scholarship



A Special Scholarship was named in honor of the Late Pamela Herbert. Sister Herbert was a passenger on the ill fated Pan Am Flight 103, recently sabotaged over England. She and more than 270 others perished in that disaster. Miss Herbert was sweetly saved, a scholar and model person studying at Oxford University. Only eighteen when she departed this life, the saints of the Northeastern Michigan Jurisdiction will not forget her winning smile and saintly demeanor. In her memory will be presented the annual Pamela Herbert Memorial Scholarship.

## New Gospel Singing Group Produces First Album



Phillip A. Brooks and Adoration

"LORD TAKE ME HIGHER" is the name of a recently released album produced by PANDA RECORDS. Performing on the album is the young and very talented, Phillip Brooks and ADORATION, an up and coming gospel music group out of the city of Detroit. Among the many melodic selections on this album, which contains a variety of new trends in gospel music, are the title cut "Lord Take Me Higher," "You'll Be There," "Joy?," "Walk With Me Lord," and "Live So God Can Use You."

Phillip Brooks, a product of the C.O.G.I.C., comes highly recommended to the gospel music industry. The well-renowned gospel music singer, writer, musician and producer, Min. Thomas Whitfield, has this to say about him: "Phillip Brooks in my estimation has a very competent style and skill which trends upon new contemporary and traditional patterns. He has experienced music versatility (through) work with countless trend setters. His music will attract and capture the new and old once it is given the chance..."

Himself a former musician with the THOMAS WHITFIELD COMPANY, Brooks has been able to solicit the support of others who also perform with the group. Among them are Mrs. Lydia Wright Brice and Mrs. Denise Morton, who were lead-soloists as well as background vocalists; Mr. Eric Brice, who played lead guitar; and Mr. Bryan Savage, who played saxophone. Other celebrity guest appearances include Min. Kenny Wells, Minister of Music at United Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Detroit, and guest soloist on the latest release for Rudolph Stanfield and the New Revelations.

All of the music on this album was performed, written and produced by Phillip Brooks. The name of his group, ADORATION, means the act of regarding, reverence, admiration, and devotion; to worship as divine, to love deeply. All of this comes across as you listen to the words of the songs they sing. Music, for them, is more than just a performance. It is a means of reaching someone with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The members of the group, Angelina McCutchen, Carol Woolen, Damita Jo Sneed, Richard Whitaker, Kirk Tupper, Larry Tucker, and Grosjean Stephens are motivated by God's love and saving grace.

## WINBUSH

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to the Annual Official Day of the Minister and Workers Meeting. Immediately after the official day service, Saturday morning, nearly 2,000 saints gathered to honor Bishop Winbush. The celebration was grand in every dimension. Topping off the event was Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., who delivered a brief but powerful address. In attendance were people from a cross section of the country.

Presiding Bishop Patterson was complimentary about the honoree's service over the years. Bishop Winbush has served unselfishly in numerous capacities and awaits the challenge of the General Board. Bishop Patterson commented now he realized the raw potential of the then young elder from Louisiana. He lauded the bishop's energy, drive and devotion in everything asked of him. Bishop Patterson commended Mrs. Mae Winbush and their daughters for working in support of Bishop Winbush's ministry.

After the message, the officers of the jurisdiction presented Bishop Winbush with many honors and awards. The big surprise was a new deluxe Lincoln Continental and enough gas to drive half way around the world. Of course, the bishop will use it in jurisdictional business. The men gathered around and lifted Bishop Winbush upon their shoulders and cheered his accomplishments.

## Appreciation of Elder T. T. Thomas Pastor Emeritus

Elder Thomas is our Pastor, Emeritus\*  
At 1504 Nebraska Street  
We are blessed to have such a Man  
For without one, no church is complete

Elder Thomas our Pastor,  
Is a man of worthy Praise  
As a Man of God he's devoted  
To the important role that he plays

Elder Thomas our Beloved Pastor  
Is so understanding and kind;  
He's so sincere in whatever he does,  
With all his heart, soul and mind.

We give honor to Elder Thomas,  
A Man of God so devout  
As God's servant he's Preached the Gospel,  
And he's made us ever so proud.

Endeavoring to win new souls for Christ,  
Is a goal He has achieved  
Convincing people that they can be saved  
If they Repent and Believe . . .

Pastor Thomas is a wonderful Man,  
We acknowledge this fact with pride  
His ministry and concern for the Youth  
Is something that can't be denied.

It is for us to honor  
This messenger of the Lord  
For armor, God is his shield,  
The Bible is his sword.

We pray the Lord will keep him,  
And bless him evermore;  
Because truly Elder Thomas,  
Is a pastor we all adore.

Why do we honor our pastor?  
The simple reason is this -  
Without the word of God,  
The church cannot exist.

Of course we honor our pastor;  
Each and every time we meet,  
God bless our pastor Elder Thomas  
At 1504 Nebraska Street!

By Leslie L. Criss, Poet

## NEW BISHOPS

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Ordination Board of the Northeast Diocese of Michigan under the Late Bishop C. L. Anderson, Sr., State Overseer. The same year he was inspired to do a greater work for God through the manifestation of pastoring.

Bishop Lawrence is pastor and organizer of the East Grand Boulevard Church Of God In Christ, formerly the Holbrook Avenue Church Of God In Christ. He has been a successful Pastor for 38 years and an astute businessman, administrator, builder and teacher.

He has progressed as a leader on the local, state, and national levels and served with honor, dignity, and distinction with many great leaders of the Church Of God In Christ. His contributions on all levels are many, he has served in positions such as District Superintendent, State Treasurer, State Steeward, State Trustee, State Executive Board Member, and Administrative Assistant. In addition, he has served as National Contact Officer for the General Assembly, National Trustee Board Member for two terms and recently elected by the General Assembly for the third term. On January 19, 1989 he was appointed Designated Bishop of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Canada International during the Bishop's Council in San Antonio, Texas by the Presiding Prelate, Bishop J. O. Patterson and the General Board of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

Within his own church, Bishop Lawrence has established an outreach for the handicapped. He is active in community development and has secured real estate and upgraded its value for utilization by the church. Through his administrative abilities, Bishop Lawrence has provided substantial financial security for his church whereby all church properties and five church busses are paid for in full.

Because Bishop Lawrence has made a significant contribution to the Church Of God In Christ at the national, state and local levels, and because of his contributions to the community, he was deemed worthy of special honor and recognition and was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree.

Bishop Lawrence is both liberal and generous and throughout the nation his name is synonymous with hospitality. Through his leadership, East Grand Boulevard Church Of God In Christ has become a beacon of hope for the entire community.

## Parents of Sixteen Mark Fifty Years of Marriage



**Willie and Genora Washington**

Deacon Willie J. Washington and Mother Genora Jones Washington were united in holy matrimony Sunday, February 26, 1939, at the East Drew Church Of God In Christ near Drew, Mississippi. They were both born and raised in the Mississippi Delta.

The Washingtons both have been members of COGIC all their lives. Deacon Washington's parents, the late James and Catherine Washington, were members of the Highlandale COGIC near Schlater, Mississippi. Mother Washington's parents, the late Eddie and Leatha Jones, were members of the East Drew COGIC. The couple met at the Washingtons' church where the Joneses were visiting in the Fall of 1938. Deacon Washington seems to remember LOVE at first sight, and the couple were married just a few months later on a cold, drizzly, but joyous Sunday afternoon.

The Washingtons have 16 grown children and a teenage foster daughter. They have more than 50 grand- and great-grandchildren. The first child was born 10 months after the wedding. By the end of 20 years, there were a total of 18 children born to this union. There was one set of twins and 16 single births. One of the twins died shortly after birth in 1941. Another boy died shortly after birth in 1957. The 16 children are scattered across the United States. They are serving in the COGIC in various cities including; Crenshaw, MS, Ackerman and Belzoni, MS where one of the daughters, Catherine Scott, is the first lady and wife of Superintendent I. N. Scott. Some of the children are also active members in Alton, East St. Louis, and Chicago, IL, Hartford, CT, Houston, TX, and Alabama. The youngest son, Fred, is serving a tour of duty as an officer in the U.S. Armed Forces in Germany.

The Washingtons have been members of the St. Luke COGIC in Moorhead, Mississippi, where Elder Frank Howard is pastor, since the early 1950's. The children are graduates of Amanda Elzy High School in Greenwood and Gentry High School in Indianola, Mississippi.

From an early age, our parents instilled in us the necessity of an education. But, more importantly

## OBITUARY

Supt. John I. Bonner, born to the parents of the late Lou and John Bonner on December 8, 1899, in Winkler, Texas of Freestone County.

Supt. Bonner was educated in Winkle public schools, and by God's Holy Spirit. Supt. Bonner was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Juanita Nickerson-Bonner who preceded him in death.

In 1976, Supt. Bonner married Doris M. Mooring, a marriage that lasted until his death.

In his early years God called Supt. Bonner to Holiness. Sometimes afterwards, Supt. Bonner was called to the ministry for which he dedicated his life. In 1938 he was ordained and appointed, by Bishop E. M. Page in 1942 as pastor of Brother Love in Forney, Texas. In 1944 he was appointed by Bishop C. H. Mason as pastor of St. Mary's Church in Wills Point, where he remained a faithful leader until stricken by illness on January 4, 1989.

He was Supt. of the Terrell District for many years until he was released of his active duties in 1986, but held the honorary position.

Left to cherish his memory are: his loving wife, Doris M. Bonner; two daughters, Mrs. Pauline Mobley and Mrs. Peggy Wheathersby; son-in-law, William Wheathersby of Dallas, Texas; two stepsons, James D. Henderson of Dallas, Charles D. Henderson of Houston and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Freddie Haley-Johnson and Gabriel F. Jackson of Springfield Massachusetts; eight grandchildren; nine great grandchildren of Dallas; other nephews and nieces and a host of loving friends.

they showed us the value of knowing Christ as our personal Savior. Following are excerpts from a letter Mother wrote to us on March 29, 1980, while visiting those children living in Illinois:

"Dear Children, I thank God for everyone of you. I am so glad that God gave me the opportunity to be the mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother of all of you. I love you from the depth of my heart. Remember the Creator in the days of your youth. We are a blessed family; I thank God all are well and healthy, everyone has a fair face and a pleasant smile. Don't let anything stand between you and God. I am praying for you every day and night.

Daddy and I appreciate all you are doing for us. I know God is there working within to let you all be so sweet, but that alone will not save your souls. Seek the Lord, read your Bibles, and live like God wants you to live, so that in the end, God can say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

Daddy and Mother, today, because of the way you raised us, we certainly call you BLESSED! We feel that you did an excellent job; your trust in God always made a way for us. Daddy, we know that a farmer's salary could only go so far, but we never went hungry, cold, or dirty. We love you both. We are all looking forward to coming home and being a part of the renewal of your wedding vows this summer. We appreciate you showing us what a marriage should and ought to be. Your example means much to us in our daily lives. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

*Submitted by your daughter,*

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